

GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF UTILITY CONTRACTORS
Teleconference Meeting: August 9, 2012

The Georgia State Construction Board of Utility Contractors met on August 9, 2012 via teleconference at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Rawson, Chairperson, Utility Contractors
Hal Cosper, Chairperson, Electrical Contractors
Sally Allen
Jim Belk
Bruce Bowman
Jay Cunningham
Counte Cooley
Chris Joiner
Janette King
George Leneaus
Lance McCravy
Paul Maushardt
Jim Poe
Lin Rogers
Keith Steen
Keith Wommack

STAFF PRESENT:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Swan LeGrand-Fleming, Board Support Specialist
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General

Call to order: At 9:04 a.m., Darren Mickler called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing

Darren Mickler presented the amended Board Rules. There were no guests from the public.

Executive Session:

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Maushardt made a motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to vote on amended Board Rules. Mr. Belk seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Chairman David Rawson, Sally Allen, Jim Belk, Bruce

GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF UTILITY CONTRACTORS

Teleconference Meeting: August 9, 2012

Bowman, Jay Cunningham, Counte Cooley, Chris Joiner, Janette King, George Leneaus, Lance McCravy, Paul Maushardt, Jim Poe, Lin Rogers, Keith Steen, and Keith Wommack. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Paul Maushardt made a motion to adopt the following rules:

121-2-.07 Statewide Utility Contractor License and ~~Foreman Certification~~.

Amended.

(1) The applicant for statewide utility contractor examination must submit a completed application which:

(a) Indicates if the applicant is a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation and, if a partnership or corporation, lists the names and addresses of the partners or officers and when and where formed or incorporated.

(b) Includes a copy of the safety policy adopted by the applicant. The safety policy must state the applicant's concern and support of safety, active and continuing efforts to provide a safe working environment, compliance with state and federal safety requirements, maintenance of a safety program, and requirements for regularly scheduled safety meetings for all field personnel.

(c) Includes a statement attesting to the employment of at least one current utility manager certificate holder on a regular, full-time basis to supervise the applicant's utility work by each permanent office.

(2) The utility contractor must notify the division in writing within five (5) days of the severance of connection between such utility contractor and the utility manager certificate holder or holders upon whom the qualification of the utility contractor rests. Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-14-5, 43-14-6, 43-14-8.2.

121-2-.08 Statewide Utility Manager Certificate.

(1) Applicants for statewide utility manager certificate must:

(a) submit a completed application;

(b) meet the prerequisite experience requirement, as defined in this Rule;

(c) pay the required fees;

(d) and obtain a score of seventy (70) on the utility manager examination.

(2) Applicants for utility manager certificate must have a minimum of 2 years of experience as a licensed utility foreman in the State of Georgia or equivalent experience from another state as a manager or foreman in the field and a minimum of 3 years total experience for the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems at least five feet underground, including but not limited to 12 hours of actual instruction from a Board approved safety training course.

(3) Applicants for a statewide utility manager certificate must submit notarized letters on company letterhead from their employers listed in Part II – Experience Record on the Application for Certification as a Utility Manager to verify their experience record in the field for the minimum duration required for certification by this rule.

GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
DIVISION OF UTILITY CONTRACTORS

Teleconference Meeting: August 9, 2012

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-14-25, O.C.G.A. §§ 43-14-5, O.C.G.A. §§ 43-14-6, and O.C.G.A. §§ 43-14-8.3.

121-2-.09 Statewide Utility Foreman Certificate.

(1) Applicants for a statewide utility foreman certificate must submit a completed application with the required fee, which documents the successful completion of a division approved course of safety training as detailed in section 121-2-.10 of the board rules.

~~(2) In lieu of safety training, the applicant may submit a completed application with the required fee on or before December 31, 1994, which documents to the satisfaction of the division at least two years of experience as a utility foreman during the period of January 1, 1984, and June 30, 1994.~~

(2). Applicants for a statewide utility foreman certificate must have at least one (1) year of experience in the field in the construction, erection, alteration or repair of utility systems at least five feet underground to be eligible for this certification.

(3) Applicants for a statewide utility foreman certificate must submit notarized letters on company letterhead from their employers listed in Part II – Experience Record on the Application for Certification as a Utility Foreman to verify their experience record in the field for the minimum duration required for certification by this rule.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-14-5, 43-14-6, 43-14-8.4.

Jim Belk seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, at 9:08 a.m., Darren Mickler requested a motion to adjourn. David Rawson made a motion to adjourn. Keith Wommack seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary

Date Approved

Executive Director

Division Chairman